

## HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

### I. Founding and Early Development

The Ohio State University has played no small role in the development of linguistics in this country, even though it was relatively slow in giving administrative shape to the discipline. One of the founding members of the Linguistic Society of America, the official learned body of the discipline, was George M. Bolling, late Professor Emeritus of the Department of Classics. Professor Bolling was also editor of the journal Language, the leading publication in linguistics in this country.

Leonard Bloomfield, who was one of the major figures in American linguistics and whose book Language remains a classic in the field, was Professor of German and Linguistics here from 1921 to 1927. Bloomfield and Bolling were two of the three members of the organizing committee that first conceived the possibility of the Linguistic Society of America. The original appeal for signers of the call for the foundation of this Society was issued from the Ohio State University.

For a while, interest in linguistics seemed to lack focus and direction on this campus--but in 1961, with the encouragement of Dr. J. Osborn Fuller, then Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, a planning committee was set up for the development of a program in linguistics. The committee was chaired by Francis L. Utley of the English Department, who had long advocated stronger developments in linguistics at Ohio State University. It included Leonard Newmark, then of the English Department, and William S-Y. Wang. Wang had the

task of drawing up a program of study which could lead to an M.A. degree in linguistics. This program, as modified by the planning committee, was approved by the University in 1962.

A Division of Linguistics was created in 1962, as a unit directly under the College of Arts and Sciences; shortly thereafter Wang was appointed chairman of the Division. Charles J. Fillmore, who also came to this campus in 1961, was another member of the Division. It was recognized at its creation that the Division was a temporary unit, and would develop into a department as soon as warranted by the growth of its program and resources.

A Linguistics Advisory Committee was then appointed by Dean Fuller and charged with the development of a Ph. D. program. This committee, chaired by Wang, consisted of David W. Griffin, Ilse Lehiste, Leon L. Twarog, and Francis L. Utley. In October 1963, Dean Richard H. Armitage of the Graduate School invited a distinguished team of linguists to this campus to evaluate the curriculum and resources for a Ph. D. program in linguistics. The members of that team were C. F. Hockett of Cornell University, F. W. Householder of Indiana University, and W. P. Lehmann of the University of Texas. The visiting linguists agreed that Ohio State should go ahead with the proposed Ph. D. program in linguistics. A formal proposal was submitted to the University in February 1964; the Ph. D. program was approved as of July 1, 1965.

A proposal to grant departmental status to the Division of Linguistics was approved by the Trustees at their meeting on December 8, 1966, to take effect in the beginning of summer quarter, 1967.

On June 19, 1967, Linguistics became the 91st department of The Ohio State University. Ilse Lehisté, who had been appointed chairman of the Division of Linguistics in 1965, became the first chairman of the Department of Linguistics.

## II. Development of Curriculum

The curriculum of the Department of Linguistics has grown from very modest beginnings to being quite comprehensive in scope. The first linguistics course offered in the English Department under the English Department's course number, English 522, was a sophomore-level course. Before the appointment of Wang and Fillmore in 1961, the course had been taught by Leonard Newmark, who had also taught another linguistics-oriented course in the anthropology program (in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology). With the development of the master's degree program in linguistics, new courses began to be added to the linguistics curriculum at a rapid rate. A survey of these courses is presented below. (Several courses have been re-numbered; the old number is given in parentheses.)

1961-62	English 522
1962-63	Ling. 601, 602, 603, 693 (701), 795 (720)
1963-64	Ling. 201 (522), 650, 671, 999 (950)
1964-65	Ling. 672, 679, 801 (761), 802 (762), 811 (771)
1965-66	Ling. 202 (523), 821, 822
1966-67	Ling. 820
1967-68	Ling. 600, 673, 681, 803, 812
1968-69	Ling. 211, 212, 213, 611, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 685, 694, 695, 850
1969-70	Ling. 214, 221, 222, 223, 609, 993

At present, the Department offers 35 graduate courses, some of which are offered every quarter. The introductory level courses include courses in phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax; an introduction to historical linguistics; linguistic field methods, and linguistic typology. More advanced courses range from history of linguistics, psycholinguistics, and algebraic linguistics to a two-year sequence in Sanskrit, and seminars in general linguistics and anthropological linguistics. A number of courses are designed primarily for students at a doctoral level: advanced seminars in syntax, phonology, and historical linguistics; transformational analysis; structural semantics; a two-quarter sequence in Indo-European, and special topics in Indo-European linguistics; and individual research. Applied linguistics is represented by a course in contrastive structures and a seminar in applied linguistics. The structure of a different (usually non-Indo-European) language is treated every quarter in a repeatable course, Languages of the World. Seminars are likewise offered every quarter. One of the topics regularly treated in the seminar in linguistics is experimental phonetics, in which students get laboratory experience in the Department's well-equipped Linguistic Research Laboratory. A complete listing of courses offered in the Department in 1969-70 is given in Appendix A.

### III. Faculty

Considering the interdisciplinary origins of linguistics at The Ohio State University, it is not surprising that in the beginning

many members of other departments were co-opted to offer courses in linguistics. This kind of cooperation has continued, although the number of primary appointments in linguistics has increased considerably over the past four years. The full-time appointments in linguistics have been as follows:

1961-62	William S-Y. Wang, Charles Fillmore
1962-63	Wang, Fillmore
1963-64	Wang, Fillmore, Terence Kaufman
1964-65	Wang, Fillmore, D. Terence Langendoen
1965-66	Fillmore, Langendoen, Ilse Lehisté, Catherine Callaghan, Sandra (Annear) Thompson
1966-67	Fillmore, Langendoen, Lehisté, Callaghan, Thompson, Gaberell Drachman, David L. Stampe
1967-68	Fillmore, Langendoen, Lehisté, Callaghan, Drachman, Stampe, George M. Landon
1968-69	Fillmore, Lehisté, Callaghan, Drachman, Stampe, Landon, Jag Deva Singh

A-list of current faculty is included in Appendix B.

#### IV. Students

The enrollment in the department has shown a steady increase. Complete statistics are available for graduate students and for degrees awarded by the department. A list of graduates is given in Appendix C. The Department does not have complete records of undergraduate majors, since up to now these records have been kept by the College office; however, an indication of the growth of our undergraduate program may be seen in the enrollments in our general

introduction to language, Ling. 201, which incidentally is the direct continuation of the first linguistics course on the campus, English 522.

Ling. 201	Autumn	Winter	Spring
1963-64			20
1964-65	20	27	32
1965-66	41	57	65
1966-67	90	88	102
1967-68	83	82	83
1968-69	144	188	152*

\*(for the first time, enrollment had to be limited.)

#### V. Future Plans

The major efforts of the Department are presently directed toward serving as host to the Linguistic Institute of the Linguistic Society of America in the summer of 1970.

The Department is likewise reconsidering its curriculum with a view toward increasing the number of offerings for non-majors at the undergraduate level. In doing this, the Department hopes to provide greater service to the College and the University.

Appendix A

Course Offerings - 1969-70

Course number and name	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
201 Intro. to Language	x	x	x	
211 Elementary Swahili	x			
212 Elementary Swahili		x		
213 Intermediate Swahili			x	
214 Intermediate Swahili	x			
221 Elementary Hindi	x			
222 Elementary Hindi		x		
223 Elementary Hindi			x	
600 Phonetics	x			
601 Intro. to Linguistics	x	x	x	x
602 Introduction to Syntax		x	x	
603 Introduction to Phonology		x	x	
609 Morphology	x			
611 Historical Linguistics		x		
621 Elementary Sanskrit	x			
622 Classical Sanskrit		x		
623 Vedic			x	
624 Advanced Sanskrit	x			
625 Readings in Indic Ling.		x		
626 Indo-Aryan Studies			x	
650 Field Methods			x	
671 Psycholinguistics		x		
672 Languages of the World	x	x	x	
673 History of Linguistics	x			
679 Classif. of Ling. Structures	x			
681 Algebraic Linguistics			x	
685 Contrastive Structures		x		
693 Individual Studies	x	x	x	x
694 Special Group Studies	x	x	x	x
695 Seminar in Anthro. Ling.	x			
795 Seminar in Linguistics	x	x	x	
801 Historical Linguistics I		x		
802 Historical Linguistics II			x	
803 Topics in Indo-European	x	x	x	
811 Transformational Analysis			x	
812 Structural Semantics	x			
820 Seminar in Syntax			x	
821 Seminar in Phonology		x		
822 Seminar in Historical Ling.	x			
850 Seminar in Applied Ling.				x
993 Special Group Studies	x	x	x	x
999 Research in Linguistics	x	x	x	x

Appendix B

Faculty - 1969-1970

Catherine A. Callaghan, Associate Professor of Linguistics  
appointed 1965

A.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1952  
B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1954  
Ph. D., University of California, Berkeley, 1963

Gaberell Drachman, Assistant Professor of Linguistics  
appointed 1966

M.A., University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 1952  
M.A., University of Chicago, 1965  
Ph. D., University of Chicago, 1969

Charles J. Fillmore, Professor of Linguistics  
appointed 1961

B.A., University of Minnesota, 1951  
M.A., University of Michigan, 1958  
Ph. D., University of Michigan, 1962

George M. Landon, Assistant Professor of Linguistics  
appointed 1967

B.A., Northwestern University, 1958  
Ph. D., Indiana University, 1964

Ilse Lehisté, Professor of Linguistics; appointed 1963  
Chairman of the Department of Linguistics since 1965

Dr. Phil., University of Hamburg, 1948  
Ph. D., University of Michigan, 1959

Kunio Okuda, Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages  
appointed 1968

B.A., Hiroshima University, 1958  
M.Ed., Hiroshima University, 1960  
M.A., University of Hawaii, 1963  
M.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 1966  
C. Phil., University of California, Los Angeles, 1968

Larry H. Reeker, Assistant Professor of Computer and Information Science  
appointed 1968

B.A., Yale University, 1964  
Ph. D., Carnegie-Mellon University (expected 1969)



David F. Robinson, Assistant Professor of Slavic Languages  
appointed 1964

B.A., Swarthmore College, 1957  
Diploma, U. S. Army Language School, August, 1959  
M.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1962  
Ph. D., University of Pennsylvania, 1964

Jag Deva Singh, Visiting Professor of Linguistics  
1969-70 Academic Year

B.A., Punjab University, Lahore, India, 1936  
M.A., Punjab University, Lahore, India, 1938  
A.M., University of Pennsylvania, 1958  
Ph. D., University of Pennsylvania, 1959

David L. Stampe, Assistant Professor of Linguistics  
appointed 1966

A.B., Indiana University, 1960  
M.A., University of Chicago, 1966  
Ph. D., University of Chicago (expected 1969)

Arnold M. Zwicky, Associate Professor of Linguistics  
appointed 1969

B.A., Princeton University, 1962  
Ph. D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1965.

**Faculty in other departments and areas:**

K. M. Abbott (Classics)  
E. D. Allen (Education)  
D. R. Bateman (Education)  
E. W. Bulatkin (Romance Languages)  
F. Cadora (Arabic)  
R. M. Estrich (English)  
W. Fleischhauer (German)  
T. J. Gardner (English)  
R. T. Garner (Philosophy)  
D. A. Griffin (Romance Languages)  
N. F. Johnson (Psychology)  
Y. Mashiah (Hebrew)  
L. F. Meyers (Mathematics)  
K. E. Naylor (Slavic Languages)  
K. Okuda (East Asian Languages)  
P. Pimsleur (Applied Linguistics)  
D. R. Preston (English)  
L. H. Reeker (Computer and Information Science)  
D. F. Robinson (Slavic Languages)  
F. L. Utley (English)  
F. J. Zidonis (Education)

Appendix C

List of Graduates from 1963 until June 1969

Quarter	B.A.	M.A.	Ph. D.
June 1963	Thompson, Sandra Annear Saunders, Ray		
June 1964	Alkire, David F.	Scovel, Thomas	
March 1965		Thompson, Sandra Annear Elliott, Dale E.	
June 1965	Hanley, Daniel		
Aug. 1964	Martin, J. Stuart Somerville, P. Mibs	Russell, Robert	
Dec. 1965	Kramer, Stephen E.		Hashimoto, Mantaro
March 1966	Goman, Roderick D.		Hashimoto, Anne
June 1966	Lange, Laurel L. Phelps, Martha Luella Wolf, Leanne German	Ishiguro, Teruhiro Yang, Barbara Shih Thompson, Carolyn	
Sept. 1966	Alty, Roger Douglas	Miller, John D.	
Dec. 1966	Heringer, Virginia J.	Huang, Shuan-fan	
June 1967	Shockey, Linda R. Vaughn, Donna Stafford	Goman, Roderick D.	
Aug. 1967	Perkins, John W.	Lee, Paul Gregory	
Dec. 1957	Davis, Willard G.		
March 1968	Shawen, Anna Farlow Fetzek, Eve Prout	Goodman, Felicitas Zingoni, Alicia	
June 1968	Brooks, Robert Rupert, Arthur Lee Russell, Linda K. Wojcik, Richard H. Wood, Peter C.	Hoffman, Robert	
Aug. 1968	Rohal, Rebecca		
Dec. 1968	Lwanga, Elizabeth	Briss, Elemer A.	
March 1969	Abolins, Karlis Haines, James		
June 1969	Aufmuth, Robert Melnyk, Arcadia Trover, Larry		